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25X1 4. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who gave me a copy of the Defense Appropriations bill reported yesterday by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Mr. Preston told me that he has discussed the Senate amendments restricting the use of funds in Southeast Asia with the Chairman. Mr. Preston does not know when to expect determination by the Chairman whether he will recommend that the House accept the Senate amendments or reject them and go to conference on the bill.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the TU-95 flights to Cuba; Cienfuegos; and Soviet naval facilities at Sollum and Mersa Matruh.

25X1 5. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Acting Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee. I brought him up to date on the Senate handling of the Agency retirement bill. As an aside Mr. Slatinshek noted that the Defense Department briefing of the full Committee yesterday afternoon on Son Tay, bombing, and Cuba was not a very satisfactory one. Many of the members had already departed and other incidents apparently marred the continuity of the briefing leaving those present less than satisfied with the briefing.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on a Chinese missile site.

25X1 6. [] Richard Perle, on the staff of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called to ask if we had any details on possible plans to reopen the Suez Canal, which had been referred to in recent press stories. After checking with [] OCI, I called Perle back and briefly explained the facts as we understood them.

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2. [] Last evening discussed with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, the problem posed by the fact that apparently the language of the Fulbright amendment is to be incorporated in the Senate version of the Defense Procurement bill. Preston feels that this would pose some very serious problems for Chairman Mahon on the House side, and this morning Preston called to say he had received an advanced copy of the bill which would be formally sent to the House this afternoon and it did indeed contain a provision identical to the so-called Fulbright amendment. Preston is concerned that this language could properly be interpreted as applying to certain going programs in Southeast Asia. He feels that before deciding on how to handle this bill on the House side Chairman Mahon will want to assure himself of exactly what the effects are, and for this reason may want to discuss the problem personally with the Director. Preston hopes to take the matter up with Mahon before the end of the week and will let us know the results.

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3. [] Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that he was hard pressed for time and would have difficulty in finding time to prepare a Committee report on our retirement legislation. He asked if we could do a draft for his use, which I agreed to undertake, with the deadline of Friday afternoon, 4 December.

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1. [] Messrs. Maury and [] met with Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, and stressed our concern about getting our pending retirement legislation through before Congress adjourns. Mr. Maury pointed out again that the legislation was noncontroversial and merely conforming in nature. Braswell said he would talk to Senator Stennis about it this week. In response to Mr. Maury's offer to talk with the Chairman personally about the legislation, Braswell suggested that we wait until he has an opportunity to take the matter up with him. The Committee will have an executive session in the next few days and it is possible the legislation can be reported at that time.

Braswell asked for our assistance in pulling together unclassified information on the extent of trade on the part of various countries with North Vietnam. We said we would check with our people and be back in touch with him.

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2. [] Messrs. Maury and [] met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Mr. Maury gave him the highlights of yesterday's meeting with Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff and Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff. Woodruff expressed the opinion that the total Agency budget figure could be divulged without serious consequences but gave the impression that he did not plan to push this position at this time. We expressed concern that revelation of the total Agency budget figure would merely be a first step which would result in increasing pressure for more details on Agency expenditures. 25X1

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11. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he reviewed the matter of the covering of the Agency budget with Chairman Mahon last evening prior to this morning's meeting with the Defense Department and Senate representatives (see JMM's item above). Ralph felt that the meeting today was well worthwhile and that the question is now resolved for the present.

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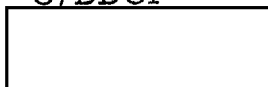
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25X1 6. [] Jim Gehrig, Staff Director of the Senate Space Committee, called and asked if it would be possible for us to provide him with a list of items of useful information which the Soviets obtained in their last three lunar shots. He said he was also interested in any information we could provide him on the cost of these Soviet launches. I talked with [] FMSAC, on this and [] STATINTL FMSAC, talked directly with Gehrig about it. [] is pulling together some information for Gehrig on this. STATINTL

25X1 7. [] Accompanied John Clarke, D/PPB, and Don Brazier, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) in a meeting with Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, and Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, to discuss possible alternatives to the present method of covering the Agency budget. See Mr. Clarke's Memo for Record.

25X1 25X1A 8. [] Accompanied [] FE Division, 25X1A to meet a friend and constituent of Senator Henry M. Jackson, [] 25X1A [] who was interested in developing contact with ChiCom officials interested in the field of prestressed concrete.

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25X1 STATINTL 10. [] Talked to [], Office of General Counsel, who told me that the Department of Justice had received an inquiry from Representative John T. Myers (R., Ind.) concerning the Huey Newton letter offering troops and assistance to the government of North Vietnam. The letter was reported by Jack Anderson in his Washington Post column of 13 November to be in possession of the Central Intelligence Agency. I gave [] a copy of the FBIS intercept of 9 October on Hanoi radio announcement of the letter together with the New York Daily News item of 14 October reporting the same matter for forwarding to the Justice Department.

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